

Montevallo. In 1967 he moved to Bessemer, Alabama where he ran for Mayor, making him the first African American to run for a major Alabama political office, opening the door for many future generations of African Americans in Alabama to run for office. As a result of his run, he was taken and beaten by members of the KKK and left for dead, yet he managed to survive and to thrive through the grace of God, continuing to fight for truth and justice.

Reverend Richardson was blessed in marriage to Robbye Johnson Richardson, to whom he was joyfully wed for fifty-six years. Together, they shared three loving children, Pastor E. Steven Richardson (Melanie), Georgina Richardson-Alexander (George) and Robert Richardson; six grandchildren, Erica, Steven, Irvn, Iven, Tiara and Harmony; two extended grandchildren, Summer and Joshua; and twelve greatgrandchildren.

On a personal note, I am very grateful for the guidance, prayers and wise counsel that Reverend Richardson has provided me over the years. Reverend Richardson was a steady anchor in the Montgomery community. As pastor of Hutchinson Missionary Baptist Church, he provided strong leadership to his congregation and made a big difference during his over fifty years of ministerial and public service. Reverend Richardson was a man of faith who lead by example. May we find comfort in knowing that his legacy will live on in the many lives that he impacted.

On behalf of Alabama's Seventh Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the exemplary life and accomplishments of Reverend Dr. George W.C. Richardson, Jr.

HONORING JIM PHILLIPS FOR HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE NORTH COUNTRY AND THE NATION

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Phillips, President and CEO of the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance, for his lifetime of service to the North Country and the Nation.

Jim Phillips, a longtime business leader with experience in cross border commerce, founded the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance (Can/Am BTA) in 1992. He recognized the need for a bi-national coalition of private and public stakeholders to advocate for the needs of the users of the U.S.-Canadian border including trade, transportation, border management and tourism. Jim Phillips has served as its President and CEO since its founding, creating an effective transcontinental and bi-national organization with engagement from twenty-seven states and all the provinces of Canada. The organization he built and leads involves a combined network of over 60,000 companies and organizations including producers, shippers, brokers, chambers of commerce, universities, bridge and tunnel operators, business and trade corridor organizations as well as economic development and government agencies.

Under his many years of leadership at the Can/Am BTA, Jim Phillips became one of the

most respected voices in all matters related to the U.S.-Canadian border in both countries, consistently earning the trust and partnership of Canadian and U.S. officials at all levels and over many administrations. Throughout the years, Jim Phillips has directly contributed to many border related advances including multiple infrastructure investments, the Shared Border Accord and enormous progress toward U.S.-Canadian customs and regulatory harmonization, among many others.

In the 21st Congressional District, Jim Phillips was pivotal in working with the North Country Chamber of Commerce to develop the original concept of the Quebec-New York Corridor as a vehicle for bi-national collaboration, and in helping to secure more than \$107 million for the new U.S. border facilities at Champlain in 2005. Jim Phillips also played a leading role in the original organization of the Northern Border Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives, an important bi-partisan platform for northern border advocacy.

Jim Phillips has made an indelible impact on the North Country and our relationship with Canada through his decades of experience and leadership. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Mr. Phillips for his lifetime of service to New York and the United States.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF PROFESSOR JEROME A. COHEN

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Professor Jerome Alan Cohen, the Founder and Faculty Director Emeritus of the U.S.-Asia Law Institute of the New York University School of Law. Professor Jerry Cohen is a true champion of human rights and the rule of law in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Korea. This month, he is celebrating his 90th birthday with his family and friends.

Professor Cohen—or “Jerry,” as he prefers to be called by friends, colleagues, and students alike—is one of the foremost experts in Chinese law and government in the United States and internationally. He has provided sage advice and wise counsel to international leaders, U.S. government officials, and Members of Congress throughout his illustrious career, including in testimony to the Congressional-Executive Commission on China of which I currently serve as Chair. Not long out of Yale Law School, Jerry was a law clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren and to Justice Felix Frankfurter, of the U.S. Supreme Court. Jerry also was an Assistant U.S. Attorney here in Washington, D.C.

Jerry's extraordinary career on China began in the 1960s while he was teaching at Boalt School of Law at University of California Berkeley. A grant to UC Berkeley from the Rockefeller Foundation allowed him to begin his study of Mandarin Chinese. Later, he created the East Asia Legal Studies Association at Harvard School of Law, where he would go on to teach for 17 years.

In 2018, Harvard Law alumni established the Jerome A. and Joan L. Cohen Professor-

ship of Law at Harvard Law School to honor his pioneering work. His students over the years include prominent legal scholars, lawyers, law professors, journalists, and diplomats, such as former Taiwanese president, Ma Ying-jeou and former U.S. Ambassador to China Clark Randt, Jr.

Jerry and a group of colleagues were also early advocates in encouraging the United States to engage with the People's Republic of China. During his first trip to China in 1972, Jerry met with Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai, and, years later accompanied Senator Ted Kennedy to Beijing to meet with Deng Xiaoping.

Jerry has been an energetic advocate for human rights in China and critic of the Chinese government. At the US-Asia Law Institute, he has developed programs on criminal justice reform in China with Chinese counterparts. Jerry also has led the way in supporting the release of political prisoners in China, including John T. Downey, a former Yale College classmate and CIA agent who was released in 1973 after more than 20 years' imprisonment in China. He played a crucial role in the release of Annette Lu, who would go to be Taiwanese vice president under Chen Shui-bian. Jerry also has advocated for and helped secure the release of many Chinese political prisoners, including Song Yongyi and Chen Guangcheng.

Professor Jerry Cohen has not only participated in the history of U.S.-China relations, he has shaped it. All those who advocate for human rights and the rule of law in China owe him a great debt of gratitude. I thank Professor Cohen for his exemplary service for humanity.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS OF 7-YEAR-OLD LILLIE DAVIS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lillie Davis of Willow Springs, Missouri for her heroic actions that helped save the life of her father, Seth Davis.

Lillie's father has suffered from epilepsy since he was a child. Because of this, Lillie was trained for emergency situations at a young age. When her father went into an epileptic seizure one spring morning, 7-year-old Lillie knew just what to do to help him. She acted with poise and bravery and went through the proper motions to save her dad. She calmly called her mother, who called 9-1-1, and then helped talk Lillie through the motions. Lillie made sure her dad was still breathing, then turned his head to make sure he wasn't holding his breath. She even opened the back door so the first responders could quickly enter upon arrival.

First responders stated that they have never seen a young child know just what to do in an emergency like this. I commend Lillie for her acts of bravery that helped save her father's life. She is a true hero!

For her heroic actions, it is my great pleasure to celebrate Miss Lillie Davis today before the U.S. House of Representatives.

SHERRY ELLEBRACHT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sherry Ellebracht, who after 22 years working for the Regional Transportation District (RTD), is retiring. Sherry's dedication to transportation for the State of Colorado has made a significant impact which will last for years to come.

In 1998, Sherry joined RTD's government relations department working to engage with local, state and federal leaders on issues related to transit and transportation in Colorado.

In her role, Sherry managed all state and federal activities and monitored proposed legislation in the Colorado state legislature and in the U.S. House and Senate. At the federal level, one of her primary responsibilities involves coordinating the agency's annual appropriations requests and authorizations in the transportation funding bills. In addition, she monitored all municipal activities and worked with the RTD local government liaison to stay abreast of local issues, including representing RTD on the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) Board of Directors and even serving as President of the organization. She has been a part of RTD for the passage of two significant public votes, 4A for the SE corridor and FasTracks, as well as FFGAs for the Southeast (\$525 million), West (\$308 million) and Eagle P3 lines (\$1.03 billion) and over \$257 million in federal funding for Union Station—a total of close \$2 billion in federal funding.

Outside of her work at RTD, Sherry is a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority alumnae and has held various positions in that organization. In 2008, she was nominated for the Denver Area Panhellenic Alumnae Achievement Award. Through her work with RTD and other groups, Sherry has created numerous partnerships and helped improve outcomes in the transit community and for the quality of life of the residents of Colorado. I congratulate Sherry on a lifetime of service and wish her all the best in retirement.

HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND
LEGACY OF CHAIRWOMAN NITA
M. LOWEY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the remarkable leadership of Chairwoman NITA M. LOWEY. NITA has made the nation, and the world, a far better place because of her commitment to the Appropriations Committee, and her outstanding achievements will forever be honored and celebrated here in the Congress.

I cherish the 25 years we have spent together fighting for expanded access to women's health, the inclusion of women in NIH clinical trials, increased investment in early childhood education, adequate worker protections, and so much more. Beyond her professionalism, dedication, and leadership, NITA is

genuine and compassionate. As she has for many of our other colleagues, she has been there for me in times of need. I will miss seeing her in the halls of Congress and on the Appropriations Committee, but our friendship endures.

In honor of her outstanding legacy, I include in the RECORD the Chairwoman's farewell remarks to the House Appropriations Committee on July 15, 2020, the final day of markups for the 116th Congress:

Good morning, everyone. As we begin our final day of consideration of the FY21 spending bills, I'd like to thank you all for your kind words and well wishes and ask you to indulge me in just a few more reflections.

I came to Congress in 1989, one of just 31 women in the House and Senate, and to this Committee in 1993 alongside only six other women on the 64-member panel.

This body is better for the 100 women serving in the 116th Congress and for the many women in this room today. It's my honor to address the full Committee for my final time as the first woman Chair.

You know, it's ironic that back in 1993, I had to choose between serving on Appropriations or Ways and Means. And today we mark up my final Appropriations bills in the Ways and Means Committee room.

I chose Appropriations because I believed it was the best place to give more people a better chance at a better life. After nearly 30 years on Committee, I still believe that.

In fact, nowhere else in Congress could I have advanced such a diverse range of priorities. In the days of congressionally directed spending—something I hope you all restore—I brought home hundreds of millions to help my constituents directly, from transportation hubs and commuter services, bridge and road safety, early learning and health centers, to economic development and job training, school safety, senior centers, flooding relief, and more.

Of course, without those projects, I have created new programs, including one that protects vulnerable nonprofits at a time of rising anti-Semitism and hate, like those in my district surrounding the community that experienced a tragic attack at a Hanukkah party last year.

Nationally, we advanced the .08 blood alcohol content standard for drunk driving that has saved countless lives. Following September 11th, we funded the new Department of Homeland Security, and I have fought hard for New York's fair share of its investments in our preparedness and response capabilities.

I am so proud of tremendous accomplishments for women's health—from protecting and expanding access to family planning here and abroad, to gains in research equity and breast cancer research and securing contraceptive coverage for federal employees that led to dramatically expanded coverage for women today. And, let me just say, we will never go back to the days when NIH excluded women from clinical trials—when even the lab rats were all male.

Among many education achievements, we established the first federal afterschool programs that have grown to a billion dollar investment today and served millions of children and families. And, it was certainly fun to bring Bert and Ernie to a hearing to help save PBS's federal funding.

Despite my passion for these priorities, I bucked conventional wisdom to become Ranking Member on the State and Foreign Operations subcommittee rather than the Labor-HHS-Education subcommittee. I cannot overstate my commitment to our responsible investments through our foreign aid bill that make the world better, safer, and

healthier while improving the security of generations here at home.

At the heart of that work is providing a basic education to the world's children so that they may thrive and prosper, be healthier and resilient to dangerous influences, and create a more stable world. So what a moving and rewarding honor it was to have my dear friends Ranking Member Granger and Ranking Member Rogers recognize my work on international basic education by naming that program for me last week in the State and foreign operations markup.

While my time as the Chairwoman of this Committee has been short, our achievements together will have a lasting impact.

Despite our differences and disagreements, or perhaps because of them, we ultimately recognize that the power of the purse—one of the most important entrusted to us by the Constitution—requires us to build consensus and put the interests of the American people first.

I took the Appropriations gavel in January 2019, in the middle of the longest partial government shutdown in U.S. history.

Not only did we reach bipartisan agreement to reopen government, we cleared all 12 fiscal year 2020 appropriations bills through committee and 10 off the House floor before the Senate introduced a single bill, and we enacted all 12 before the end of the calendar year.

As appropriators, we lead by example, with common sense and deliberation.

Our ability to transcend party differences and make hard choices within the constraints of limited funding makes us worthy of the privilege to hash out the biggest battles of the day.

Through virtual and remote work and in masks and gloves today, this Committee is confronting twin crises—one most of us never expected, the other only the willfully indifferent could not have anticipated.

In recent months, we have led the way to invest trillions to stem the spread of a global pandemic and mitigate the worst of its devastating economic impacts.

The fiscal year 2021 appropriations bills continue those efforts even as we address systemic racism, a crisis that has reached a boiling point in recent weeks.

We have acted on the urgent need for meaningful police reform and economic development in disadvantaged communities that is fundamental to a more just and equitable society that lives up to our highest values and aspirations.

We are living through a time of heightened cynicism and polarization, of suffering and pain, and great uncertainty, with too little compassion and leadership from some at the highest levels of power.

The old adage you might have heard me say a time or two—that in Washington there are Republicans, Democrats, and appropriators—is perhaps more important now than ever.

My parting request to you is this: do not succumb to the pervasive partisanship that permeates what can feel like all aspects of our professional—and even sometimes our personal—lives.

Beyond keeping government's doors open and lights on, conduct robust oversight and demand accountability and transparency on the use of taxpayer dollars, defend our constitutional prerogatives against Executive Overreach regardless of who occupies the White House or the Speaker's office. Always strive to use the power of the purse to unlock the full potential of this nation.

Over the next weeks and months, I will continue that hard work with all of you, who are at the heart of what makes this the best Committee in Congress. If you're looking for